1	2	3	4
B.	*SCHEMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION*		
1.	Kadana St. II-Guj.....	1x60	60
2.	Sardar Sarovar-Guj	6x200	1200
3.	Ghatchar-Mah.....	2x125	250
4.	SritaUam-A-P	6x150	900
3			900
	SCHEMES APPROVED BY CEA	Total :	3310
C.			
1.	Bhivpuri-Mah..	1x90	90
2.	Tehri St. II-U.P.....	4x250	1000
		Total :	1090
		Total :	5894 MW

Electrified of Village in Mrghat Region

2109. DR. SHRIKANT RAMA-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI SURINER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pieased to state;

(.a) th-s number of villages electrified in the Melgbat region of the Amravati District of Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government are aware that even if electric lines are present at some places here, there is no benefil of actual elctricity;

(c) what are the difficulties faced by this department from the forest depait-ment in matters of dectricity supply; and

(d) in view of the fact that 4500 tribal children have died due to nvalnut-rition and disease here during the last three years, what eflEective steps will be taken by Govrnment to make uninter-fupt«! power supply?

THE MINISlIER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SaENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGENDER K. \L-A.GH): (a) to (d) All 317 villages as per 1991 census are reported to be declared elctrified in Melghat region. However, 19 villages that were test charged in March, 1985 had to be switched off due to objections from the Forest Department. It is reported that some of these lines pass through Tiger Project Area. Maharashtra State Electricity Board is reported to be ^ pursuing the matter with Forest Department to obtain the necessary clearances.

Antonomy to Stote Electricity Boards

2110 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have advised the State Governments to grant autonomy to their State Elect-tricity Boards so as to improve their managements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of State Govem-msnts in this regard particularly that of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MjINlISTRY V. OF POWER (SHRI YOGENDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have formulated a Common Mininr-t'um Naticnal Action Plan for Pov/er based on the consensus reached in the Chief Ministers Conferences held on 16-10-1996 and 3.12.1996. The Action plan has bten circulated to all the State Governments for its implementaion in a time bound manner. Thg Action Plan *inter-alia* providas for giving maximum possible autonomy to the State Electricity Boards and improvements in their management practices and physical parameters.

(c) The Government of Orissa have already restructured their E'ectricity Sec tor by enactment of an Act i.e. Orissa Electricity Reforms Act, 1995. The Government of Haryana have recently passed a Bill *fpi* undertaking reforms nnd restructuring in the!,- power sector. The Government of Rajasthan is also likely to pass a similar bill very shortly. The o'her States like Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh Karnataka, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Kerala; Maharash. tra. West Bengal and Bihar have also initiated action for undertaking reform and restructuring in their power sector-The Government of Bihar had appointed a Consultant to conduct a diagnostic study of their power sector Phase.I of the recommendations of the Consultant have been accepted and draft policy paper on reforms is being considered by the Government. They are also wor king on modalities of framing of reform lesisbtion which includes creation of generatico, transmission and distribu tion companies and establishment of Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC).

Setting up of Power Regulatory Commission

2111. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating setting up a Power Regulatory Commission to seek better cooperation of the private sector towards augmenting the power capacity in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed commission, including its structure and powers; and

(c) other measures being contemplated to improve production transmission and distribution systems

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGENDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) It is roposied to set up a Cen+ral Electricity Regulitory Commission (CERC) at the National level and State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) at State level for rationalisation of tariff and matters incidental thereto. The CERC shall consist of a Chairperson and a maximum of 4 other members. The SERC would consist of a maximum of 3 members. The Chairman and Members of both the commissions would be appointed from the persons selected by Independent Selection Committees constituted for the purpose. The members of both the Commissions would hold office for a period of 5 years from the date of their appointment or until the age of 62 vears whichever is earlier.

Both the Commissions will enjoy rowers as are vested in Civil Courts uader the Court of Civil Procedure fbr enforcement of their decisions, directions and orders. Appeals against the orders of the Central Commission would 'if. in the High Court and in the case .' of S*ate Commission would lie with ,, the Central Electricity Regulatory Com-4 mission (CERC).